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SUBJECT MESSAGE FROM FOREIGN MINISTER MWAANGA TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM

- 1. ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MWAANGA HAS REQUESTED THAT FOLLOWING LETTER BE GIVEN TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM TODAY.
- 2. QUOTE DEAR SECRETARY EASUM, I DEEPLY DEGRET MY INABILITY
 TO HAVE TALKS WITH YOU IN WASNINGTON AND WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER
 IN NEW YORK. MY YOUNGER BROTHER OLIVER WAS SUDDELY STRUCK BY AN ACT
 OF FATE LAST SATURDAY AND IN VIEW OF THE CLOSE FAMILY TIES, I WAS

COMPELLED BY OVERRIDING FAMILY REASONS TO SUDDENLY RETURN TO LUSAKA JUST IN TIME FOR HIS FUNERAL.

- 3. YOU DO NOT KNOW HOW MUCH I LOOKED FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AFTER ALL THE NICE THINGS I HAVE HEARD ABOUT YOU. I HAVE REQUESTED A POST-PONEMENT OF MY MEETING WITH YOU AND SECRETARY KISSINGER PURELY ON COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS AND WILL MAKE MYSELF AVAILABLE TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON OR ANY OTHER DESTINATION AS SOON AS I HAVE BEEN GIVEN AN APPOINTMENT. PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND MYSELF ARE BOTH ANXIOUS AND HOPEFUL THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO REALISE THIS IMPORTANT MEETING IN THE VERY NEAR FUTRUE.
- 4. PLEASE ACCEPT MY APOLOGIES AND BEST REGARDS. VERNON J. MWAANGA, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. CONFIDENTIAL

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5. END QUOTE.		
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